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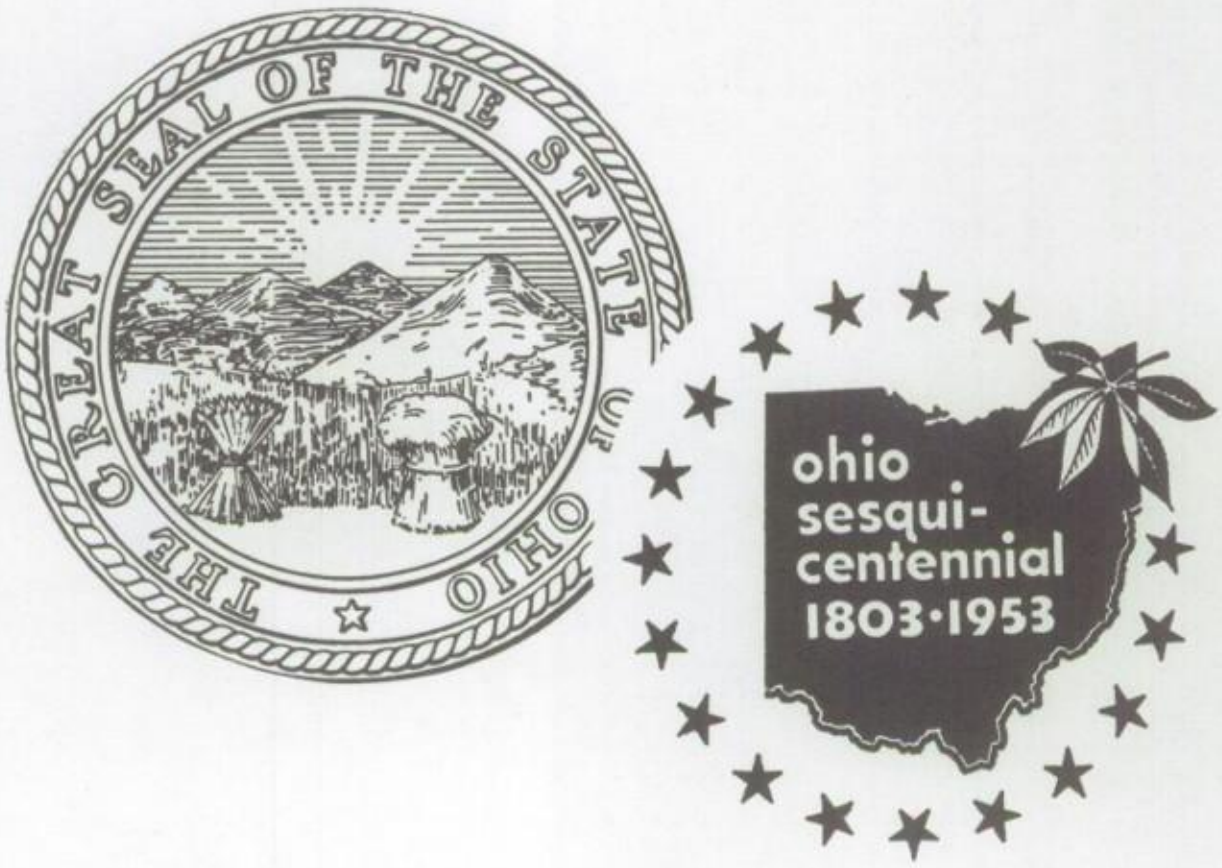
Foreword

Since this year marks the sesquicentennial of Ohio as a state, the 1953 Lariat, in addition to giving a history of the school year, briefly turns to the past. A few highlights of early days of the Pettisville area will be found on several pages in the book. Because the white man came late--about 1825--to this vicinity, the first records begin approximately at that time.



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Administration

PRIN. MARK RAY

MR. HAROLD ZISS

MRS. HELEN SPRINGER

SUPT. DAVID E. SPRINGER

The SCHOOL BOARD, pictured on page 3, paused from inspecting the farm shop to face the camera. Members are from left to right: Earl Weber, president; Victor Rupp, vice-president; Mrs. Ada Genter, clerk; Russell. Gasche; Claude Rupp; and Supt. Springer. Harold Schmucker, remaining member, was absent.

The board takes a keen interest in the welfare and improvement of the school. During 1952-53 it arranged for new fluorescent lighting in the study hall, new seating in room 21, refurnishing of r e s t rooms, and planting of shrubbery. Its attitude has been progressive in regard to scholarship, extra-curricular activities, and teacher interests, as well as to the school plant itself.

Mr. Mark Ray, the new principal, also teaches history, English, and mathematics. Mr. Ray finds odd jobs to do about his home.

Mr. Harold Ziss, a new faculty member, teaches all science and coaches junior high basketball. He is also a golf enthusiast.

Mrs. Helen Springer,wife of the superintendent, resumed teaching in the third grade. She relaxes in the newly redecorated lounge.

Supt. David E. Springer succeeded S. M. Gottschalk, resigned. A busy executive, he finds time to give his home some attention.

Mrs. Florence Lind l e y, first grade teacher, lives on a farm, where she has all the pets she wants-especially cats.

Faculty

MRS. FLORENCE LINDLEY

MR. JAMES CLARK

MISS ALTA SPIESS

MISS MARGARET BUCKMASTER

MR. HERBERT BELL

MISS VELMA FREY

MR. JAMES PACE

MRS. FLORENCE PORTER

Miss Alta Spiess, fifth grade teacher by vocation, is a farmer by avocation.

Mr. James Clark, t h e busy vocational agriculture teacher, enjoys judging cattle.

Miss Margaret Buckmaster, teacher o f grade 2, entertains faculty children: Delores Pace, Barbara and Martin Ziss, Steven Pace.

Mr. Herbert Bell, trumpet player a n d teacher of school music, spent more time composing music than playing it, the last year.

Miss Velma Frey, a Pettisville graduate, is home economics teacher and adviser of FHA. Her hobbies tend toward the artistic.

Mr. James Pace, the new coach, teaches h i s t o r y and mathemetics. He shows the domestic side of his nature in the picture.

Mrs. Dwight Porter taught two sessions of kindergarden, a forenoon and an afternoon session. She took an extension course in art.

Mrs. Mildred Rychener, teacher of grade 6, instructs her students in many interesting crafts. She took an extension course in art.

Mrs. Jean O y e r teaches commercial subjects. She demonstrates one of her home-making activities at her home in Wauseon.

Miss Ruth K. Wyse is teacher of high school English classes, journalism, and is adviser of the Lariat. She enjoys reading and spends much time in her library.

Miss Sadie C. Miller,fourth grade teacher, took a course in painting which she enjoys as a hobby in her spare time.

MRS. MILDRED RYCHENER

MISS RUTH K. WYSE

MRS. JEAN OYER

MISS SADIE C. MILLER

Although General Anthony Wayne's victory over the Indians in the Battle of Fallen Timbers in 1794 opened the Maumee River valley to white settlers, Fulton County had no settlers until about 1833. Ohio had already been a state for thirty years.

This area was the hunting grounds of the Potawatami Indians, who left a permanent imprint in the county in such names as Wauseon, Ottokee, and Winameg. The natives shared the fate of others of their race on the coming of the white man and were forced to western lands.

The land that greeted the eyes of the pioneers in this beautiful Maumee River valley was swampy and densely wooded. One Jeremiah voiced the gloomy prophecy that the land of Fulton County would never be worth anything. It was too swampy! What would he say if he could return today to this garden spot of the United States and find the land which sold for $1.25 an acre in the early days now selling for as much as $400 an acre?

The new land demanded much of its settlers. It had to be cleared and drained. It was unhealthy. Quinine for malaria was almost as essential as food.

The names of many of the first families to settle here still strike a familiar note. The pioneers stayed and so did their descendants. Such well-known names as Nofziger, Grieser, Weber, Klopfenstein, Wyse, Rupp, Aeschliman, and Burkholder are found in the earliest records of the area.

Classes

ROBERT YODER

PHYLLIS SCHMUCKER

JUELDINE NOFZIGER

MERRILL NOFZIGER

Robert is mowing lawn at his home, one of his regular duties.

Jueldine is shown ready to leave for the junior-senior banquet.

Phyllis poses on senior trip with U. S. Capitol as background.

M e r rill starts for the mill to get feed for the stock.

ROBERT YODER was the only senior office boy. Robert was president of the class the freshman year. He showed his interest in music by being a member of choir, boys glee, and a mixed octet. Robert was the only boy in shorthand class and acted as Mr. Clark's secretary. He p l a y e d on the class basketball team. Robert played a role in the senior play.

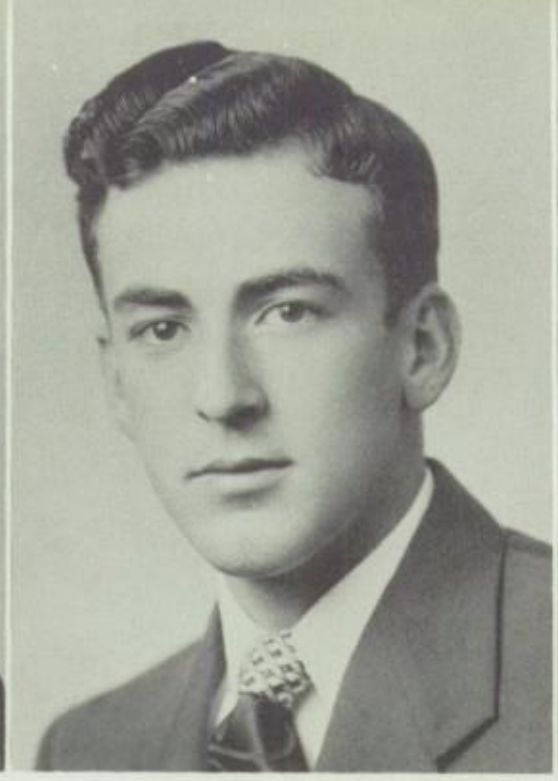
PHYLLIS SCHMUCKER is Mr. Ray's afternoon secretary. She was in both class plays, and had the leading role in the senior play. "Phil" was a member of choir, girls glee club, and band. She was class vice-president in the junior year. She served on Pet Echoes staff her senior year. She was a booster for two years. Phyllis played guard on the class basketball team.

JUELDINE NOFZIGER is class valdictorian. Her most important senior activity was editing the 1953 Lariat. She was also head librarian and bookmender one year. Jueldine was in both class plays and had one of the leading roles in the junior p l a y. She also was in choir and girls glee. She was the first graduate whose parents both graduated from Pettisville.

MERRILL NOFZIGER was a member of several boys quartets, choir, and boys glee club. He played a role in the junior play and was a member of FFA for three years. "Took," as he is often referred to, played basketball on the class team. Merrill was one of the senior representatives to Student Council. He is noted for his clever remarks.

EUGENE MILLER

DELIGHT GRIESER



MARLIN BECK

MARILYN NOFZIGER

EUGENE MILLER held the position of president of the class and of FFA in his senior year. Gene participated in various activitees in school. Among these are choir, boys glee club, basketball, and baseball. He had the leading role in the senior class play. Gene was business menager of the 1953 Lariat. He came to Pettisville from Delta in his junior year.

DELIGHT GRIESER is the youngest member of the class. "Dee," as she is sometimes called, has a very familiar voice, since she was a cheerleader for four high school years. Delight was class treasurer in her senior year. She sang alto in girls glee club and in choir. She played the clarinet in the band for six years. She had roles in both class plays.

MARLIN BECK was the star pitcher of the baseball team. This brown-eyed, wavy-haired fellow was vice-president of the class sophomore and senior years. Marlin played roles in the senior and junior class plays. Part of his senior year he served as business manager of Pet Echoes, and was the Lariat photographer. He had a part-time job at the Pettisville garage.

MARILYN NOFZIGER is the salutatorian of the class. She was the president of Student Council and class secretary in her senior year. She was also associate editor of the Lariat. Marilyn played on the class basketball team as a forward. She played the part of "Mrs. Miller" in the junior play. Marilyn was a member of girls glee and chorus.

Gene is getting the baler ready for the days work.

Delight is taking time out from her work in her father's store.

Marlin is shown beside his car just ready to go to school.

Marilyn is busy washing the family car.

LOWELL AYERS

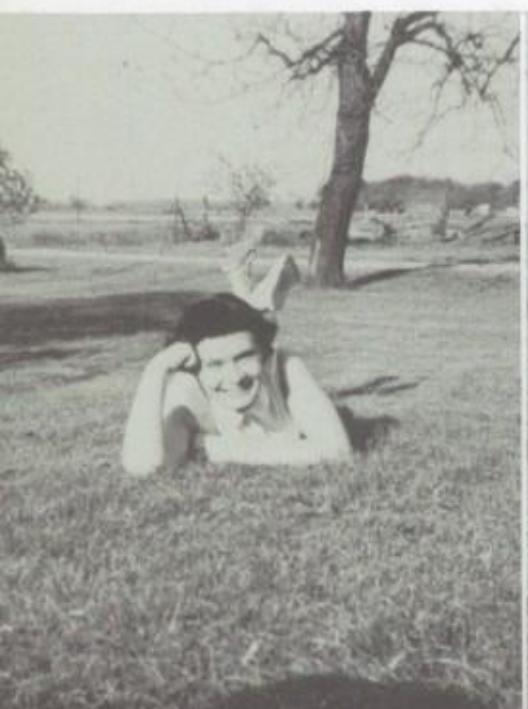
CLAUDETTE RUPP

CAROL VONIER

LAURA JANE GEARIG

Lowell is all dressed up, probably ready for church.

Laura likes to read while taking time out from her work.



Carol enjoys sunning herself in her leisure time.

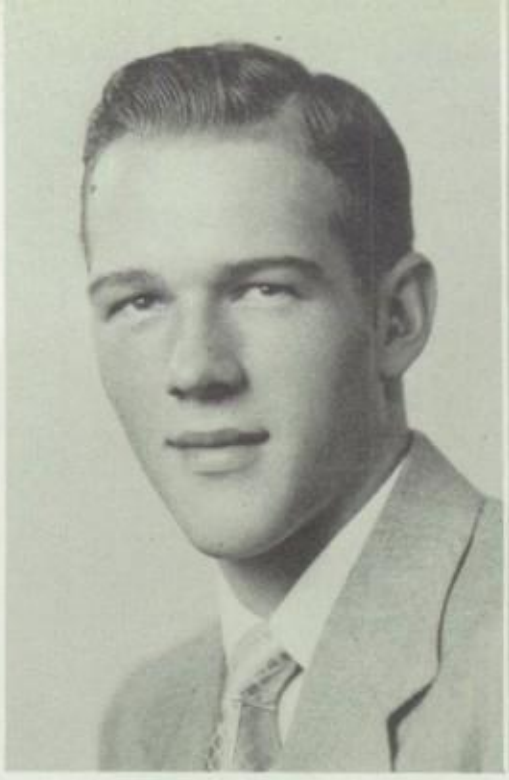
Claudette is resting outdoors trying to get a suntan.

LOWELL AYERS came to Pettisville from Tedrow when he was in the fifth grade. He served as sophomore class president. He held the positions of reporter and assistant reporter in FFA. For three years, Lowell played the bass horn in band, and was band vice-president during his senior year. During his last year, also, Lowell first played baseball and basketball.

CLAUDETTE RUPP was cheerleader three of her high school years. She was class secretary-treasurer as a sophomore. Claudette was a typist for Pet Echoes her senior year. She was a member of choir, girls glee club, and band. Claudette worked as office girl the eighth period her senior year. She was a booster her junior year.

CAROL VONIER is the short, black-haired member of the class. She was cheerleader for two years and booster one year. Carol was elected FFA sweetheart her junior year. She handled the job of head librarian her senior year. Carol acted as Miss Wyse's secretary and was a typist for Pet Echoes. She hoped to get a job as a typist after graduation.

LAURA JANE GEARIG was the first alto in a ladies barber shop quartet. She sang in choir four years and girls glee club two years. Laura played the part of "Topal," a teenager, in the southern play and the part of a college girl in the junior play. Laura Jane holds the record in the class for having perfect attendance all four years of high school.



PAUL GRIESER

PAULINE GRIESER

A. JANE GUERRERO

JAMES BECK

PAUL GRIESER i s the most sports-minded boy in the class, having participated in basketball six years and baseball two years. He joined boys glee club for the first time during his senior year. Paul was also active in FFA for four years and held offices as reporter, sentinel, treasurer, and student adviser. He was a member of the junior play cast.

PAULINE GRIESER i s t h e shortest member of the senior class. This twin of Paul showed her interest in music as a member of girls glee club for f o u r years. Pauline carried the flag for the band when it marched in various parades in the summer. She was a member of the newly organized FHA. Pauline hoped to get a job as a secretary after graduation.

ANASTACIA JANE GUERRERO is the native Texan of the class. This dark senior is tall and slim. Jane was in girls glee club for two years, and was a member of the newly organized FHA. She played guard on the class basketball team for five y e a r s. Basketball is Jane's favorite sport. Her goal after graduation was to visit Texas.

JAMES BECK, better known as Frigham, was an active member of FFA for four years. He served as sentinel and treasurer during this time. He was assistant stage manager for the junior play. He sang in boys glee club for three years, and mixed chorus his senior year. James also played baseball for the first time during his senior year.

Paul catches in a baseball game during a class outing.

Pauline is playing a game of croquet at her home.

This snap of Jane was taken during her vacation in Mexico.

Jim is working on an agriculture project at the school.

DORIS RUFENACHT

LAVONNE GISEL

GALEN GRIESER, JR.

MARILOUISE MILLER

DORIS RUFENACHT was Mr. Ziss's secretary. She was office girl during the noon hour her senior year. She was a member of girls glee club all four years and choir her last year. She was a member of FHA. Doris enjoys basketball and attended games whenever she could. She enjoys traveling and hoped to do a great deal of it after graduation.

LAVONNE GISEL came to Pettisville from Wauseon in the fourth grade. She was in girls glee club two years and mixed chorus one year. Her outstanding characteristics are her large brown eyes and her unusual quietness. In her spare time Lavonne likes to crochet and do other types of fancy work. Her goal was to get a job as secretary after graduation.

GALEN GRIESER, JR. played basketball in his sophomore year. He was an active member of F F A. Junior played roles in both of the class plays. He was class vice-president in the ninth grade. Junior likes to eat in his spare time, but does not show any effects of over indulging in this pleasure. He is a friendly lad and well-liked by his classmates.

MARILOUISE MILLER was one of Mr. Ray's secretaries. She was a member of choir and girls glee club for four years. She also sang in a mixed octet her senior year. Mary was treasurer of the class during her freshman year. She regularly played forward on the class basketball team. Mary was president of the Home Economics Club her sophomore year.

Doris likes to
ve and poses by her
for the picture.

Lavonne enjoys
popping and eating
popcorn.

Is Junior ready to
p his girlfriend in-
the car for a ride?

Mary is ready to
begin her evening's
work at Bil-Jax.

JOAN LEUPP

HARLAN GEARIG

NANCY PORTER

ARLENE SCHULTZ

JOAN LEUPP is the brown-haired, green-eyed senior who came to Pettisville in the middle of her freshman year. Jo had formerly attended Archbold. She was in choir for three years and girls glee club for four years. Jo is president of the local FHA, and was a member of student council her sophomore and junior years. She had roles in both class plays.

HARLAN LEE GEARIG is the shy, quiet, professor-type. One of his favorite pastimes is reading. "Dewey," as he is called by his classmates was in FFA for two years. He won an award for being the first local student to raise a ton litter. From early childhood Harlan has been interested in farming and planned to farm after graduation.

NANCY PORTER was circulation editor of Pet Echoes. She was on the staff for two years. She was a member of choir and girls glee club all four of her high school years. She also sang in a mixed octet in her sophomore and junior years and in a girls sextet in her freshman year Nancy played the part of Sylvia in the junior play "Mother is a Freshman."

ARLENE SCHULTZ is the tall, quiet, business-like type of individual. Arlene was vice-president of the newly organized FHA. She was a valuable band member for the majority of her school years. She sang in girls glee club, and in choir her senior year. Arlene played the part of Mrs. Dupre in the senior play "The Great Big Doorstep."

Joan is leaving the Tot and Teen Shop after a day's work.

Harlan busily unloads the chicken feed from the truck.

Nancy is taking a picture while on the senior trip.

Arlene is shown standing at home beside the family car.

PAUL WYSE

GLENN WYSE

MARILYN MILLER

WALDO AESCHLIMAN

P a u l likes to drive tractor for his father.

Glenn i s just about to begin work in the fields.

Marilyn is picking flowers to make a beautiful bouquet.

Waldo looks as if his hunting trip was a success.

PAUL WYSE is the shortest boy in the class. He was a member of FFA three years. Paul and his brother Glenn won a trophy for having the best dairy project of the local chapter. He played roles in the junior and senior class plays. Paul was a member of choir and boys glee club. His deep voice is surprising compared to his small stature.

GLENN WYSE is the tall, quiet fellow who was a helpful member of FFA. He acted as student supervisor, his senior year, to the sophomore shop class. This hard-working fellow did not have much time for extra-curricular activities but was a member of boys glee club. Glenn shows exceptional talent when working with wood and does so in his spare time.

MARILYN MILLER is the dark-haired, dark-eyed senior girl, who is very shy and reserved. Marilyn was a member of girls glee club for four years and of choir her senior year. She worked in the office and she hoped to get a secretarial job after graduation. Marilyn was a member of the speech class and took her turn giving news broadcasts.

WALDO AESCHLIMAN is the short dark-haired boy who served as class president in his junior year. "Ben," as Waldo is known, was an active member of FFA. He was elected State Farmer in his junior year. This accomplishment is based on achievement and participation in vocational agriculture. He capably handled one of the lead roles in the junior play.

At the beginning of the school year the junior class chose their officers as follows: David Sauder, president; Marlene Rychener, vice-president; Norma Nofziger, secretary; and Rachel Frey, treasurer. Mr. Ray was chosen as sponsor.

The class gave their play, "Three Blind Dates," on November 13. Elaine Rychener and Junior Beck, a sophomore, drafted to fill out the roll of junior boys, played the leads.

A n "Old Fashioned Supper," which the juniors served in the school cafeteria, was a high point in the year's activities.

In the snap at left are Marlene Rychener, David Sauder, and Rachel Frey selling candy at noon. The new display table was built by the junior boys.

BACK ROW: David Sauder, Marlene Rychener, Rachel Frey, Dorothy Beck.

SECOND ROW: L. J. Burkholder, Donnabelle Riegsecker, Mabel Ann Roth, Margaret Rupp, Mary Louise Rufenacht, Mr. Ray.

FIRST ROW: Kenneth Miller, Eugene Richer, Shirley Wanner, Norma Nofziger, Shari Weber, Iris Harvey, Elaine Rychener.

Juniors

BACK ROW: Charles Rychener, John Merillat, Glen Kauffman, Howard Snyder, James Gasche, James Rupp.

THIRD ROW: Roger Schmitz, Roger Krieger, Donald Beck, William Beck, Harold Schultz, Delmer Tanner, Bernard Mock.

SECOND ROW: Miss Frey, Mary Alice King, Janette Gearig, Myron Phillips, Charles Rupp, Carl Frey, Louise Schultz, Judy Weber, Virginia Grieser.

FIRST ROW: Phyllis Miller, Mabel Ann Rupp, Roger Roth, Irene King, Leon Waidelich, Gene Weber, Lovina Grieser.

Roger Roth headed the sophomores as president. Myron Phillips was vice-president; Janice Leupp, secretary; and Charles Rupp, treasurer. Miss Velma Frey was class sponsor.

In an exciting game at the intramural tournament the sophomore boys became the champs. The girls also played in the finals and became runners-up.

In the snapshot are Janice Leupp, Junior Beck, and Donna Mae Burkholder.

Sophomores

BACK ROW: Larry Grieser, Denver Nofziger, Ray Schrock, Edward Freeman, James Reynolds, William Gasche, Lawrence Kruse, Dianne Eicher, Carolyn Rufenacht.

THIRD ROW: Charles Yoder, Garold Beck, Glenden Rupp, Burdell Nofziger, Larry Rychener, Paul Gilson, Dean Nofziger, Leon Nafziger, John Gasche.

SECOND ROW: Mr. Ziss, Neil Weber, Kathryn Krieger, Mary Grieser, Ronnie Nofziger,Dale Miller, Lyle Friesen, Robert Robinson,Loretta Rupp,Janeth Nofziger.

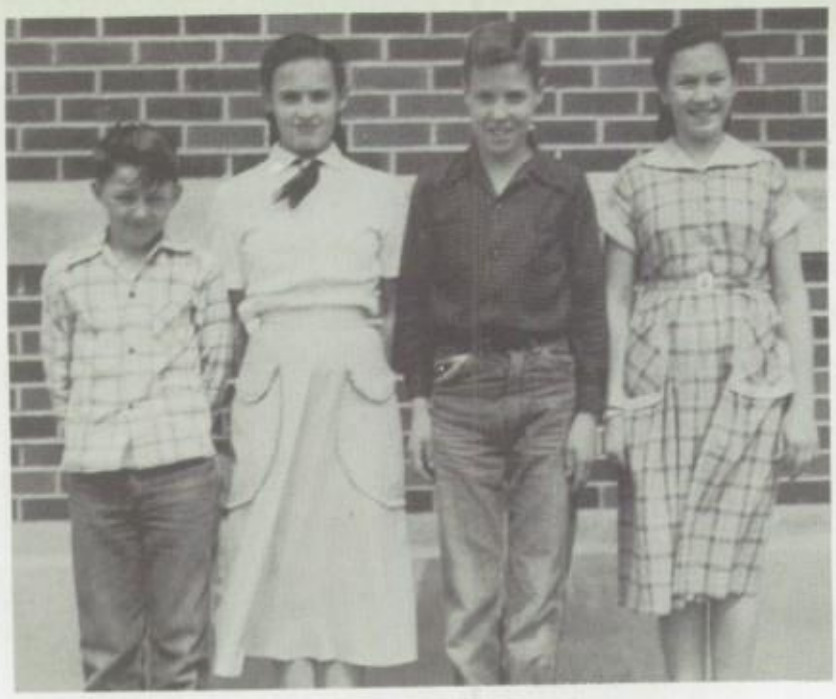
FIRST ROW: Mary Ellen Short, Janice Nofziger, Joyce Grieser, R o g e r Zimmerman, Helen Rufenacht, Janet Grieser, Berneda Grieser, Shirley Grieser, Charles Sauder, Marilyn Wyse.

The freshman class started the year by being initiated by the sophomores on September 25. The initiation began in the morning and was completed in the evening with a party.

To head the group for the year the class chose Loretta Rupp as president; K a t h r y n Krieger, vice-president; Dianne Eicher, secretary; a n d Neil Weber, treasurer. Mr. Harold Z i s s acted as class sponsor.

In the picture at t h e right Charles Schmucker is leading the steers which he chose to raise as an FFA project.

Freshmen



Eighth Grade

Ronnie Frey headed the eighth grade as president this year. Lowell Gilson was vice-president; Sharon Nofziger, secretary; and Marlene Short, treasurer. Mr. Clark was chosen as sponsor for this class of twenty-eight.

Members of the class made posters for the political rally. These were displayed in the halls previous to the mock election.

In the picture are the class officers; Ronnie Frey, Sharon Nofziger, Lowell Gilson, and Marlene Short.

BACK ROW: Dale Davis, Lowell Schultz, Esther Sturpe, Phyllis Klopfenstein, Eunice Frey, Joe Rychener, LaMar Miller.

THIRD ROW: Daryl Nofziger, Sharon Nofziger, Kenneth Rufenacht, Vern Beck, Joe Baer, Louise Friesen, Janice Nafziger.

SECOND ROW: Mr. Clark, Evelyn Kauffman, Lowell Gilson, Merrill Short, Dottie Raker, Lois Gasche, Lowell Nofziger, Marlene Miller.

FIRST ROW: Ronnie Frey, Fern Beck, Shirley Reynolds, Bonnie Gearig, Marlene Short, Suzann Beck, Geraldine Short.

Seventh Grade

Thirty-six seventh graders met the first week of school to choose their class officers. Daryl Rupp was chosen to head the class. Mona Nofziger became vice-president and Janet Schmucker secretary-treasurer. The class chose Miss Ruth K. Wyse as class sponsor.

The class enjoyed many parties during the year. They had a Halloween masquerade party at school.

In the picture at the right are Marilyn and Carolyn Zimmerman. Marilyn and Carolyn are identical twins.

BACK ROW: Lynwood Mininger,Carolyn Nafziger,David McBride,Vincent Rupp Jr., Kenneth Peters,Bobby Burkholder, Marilyn and Carolyn Zimmerman, Marilyn Nofziger.

THIRD ROW: Janet Schmucker, Janet Rupp, Mona Nofziger, Betty Moll, Conchita Avina, Shirley Murry, Mary Alice Sauder, Delores Nofziger, Charlene King.

SECOND ROW: Miss Wyse, James Miller, Mervin Beck, Geneva Rufenacht, Cristy Gearig,Michael Andrews,Ronald Beck,Rachel Nafziger,Larry Grieser,Rosemary Gearig.

FIRST ROW: Everett Short, LaRue Short, Daryl Rupp, Virgil Miller, James Schrock, Corwin Nofziger, Gregory Rupp, Jan Weber, Marlene Roth.

BACK ROW: James Rychener, Roger Reynolds, Rhoda Nafziger, Elizabeth Disbrow, Barbara Nofziger, Tom Rychener, Joyce Roth, Joyce Rychener.

THIRD ROW: Wauneta Grieser, Paul Sturpe, Larry Thrasher, Joan Davis, John Goertz, Allen Rupp, Merle Grieser, Marlene Thierry.

SECOND ROW: Mrs. Rychener, Margaret Rufenacht, Ronald Leupp, Shirley King, Kenneth Nafziger, Curtis Baer, Rodney Nofziger, Marilyn Richer.

FIRST ROW: Loraine Friesen, Kenneth Hartman, Donnie Waidelich, Marvella Peters, Kennard Grieser, Richard Beck, BeEtta Short.

Art class offered many busy hours for the sixth grade during the year. For their mothers at Christmas, they all made bookends or wall plaques of copper. They also made puppets and wastebaskets and pictures from seeds.

The sixth grade had Halloween, Christmas, Valentine parties, and a birthday party for Mrs. Rychener.

In the picture at the left are Frank Avina and Marlin Britsch who are just about ready to take off for a bicycle ride.

Sixth Grade

BACK ROW: Jerry Weber, Teresa Guerrero, John Baer, Jean Westhoven, Paul Freeman, Karen Gearig, Philip Nafziger, Roseyn Rychener.

THIRD ROW: Roger Beck, Jack Rychener, George Taylor, Larry Price, Gustave Goertz, Marvin Nafziger, Judy Short, Paul Avina.

SECOND ROW: Nancy Grieser, Susie Frey, Allen Nofziger, Connie Bingman, Louise Miller, Bonnie Miller, Carolyn Beck, Billie Frey.

FIRST ROW: Ernestine Short, Dianne Nafziger, Bonnie Short, Donald Davis, Lynn Short, Donelda Nofziger, Shelly Grieser, James Roth.

The fifth grade took part in the seed selling contest with the fourth and sixth grades. Dianne Nofziger won the prize for selling the most packages of seeds.

A gourd show was another activity of the group. Each child brought a gourd he had grown and exhibited it. The various shapes, colors, and sizes made this an interesting event.

At Thanksgiving the class helped give "The First Thanksgiving."

In the snap is Marvin Zimmerman.

Fifth Grade

Fourth Grade

The fourth grade has done much this year, but also enjoyed four different parties. The first one was the Halloween party soon followed by the Christmas party. The Christmas party was enjoyed by exchanging gifts. The children also surprised Miss Miller on her birthday, January 25, with a party. The students also had a Valentine exchange party.

Some of the projects which the grade accomplished during the year were the selling of seeds and the presenting of a Thanksgiving operetta, together with the fifth and sixth grades.

At the right Richard Beck and Sandra Gilson are swinging.

BACK ROW: Marlene Beck,Elaine Merillat,Joan Weber,Sharon Nofziger,Loretta Friesen,Arnold Freeman,Dale Blosser,Kenneth Disbrow,James Haskell,Ida May King.

THIRD ROW: Jerry King, Lynn Weber, Philip Rychener, Roger Rupp,Janet Nafziger, Mary Lou Wanner,Marlene Reynolds, Arnold Blosser, Richard Wagler,Charles Nafziger.

SECOND ROW: Miss Miller, Judy King,Johnny Gearig,Judy Baer,Glenn Hartman, Duane Rychener, Sharon Miller,Rachel Porter, Elaine Rufenacht, Linda Baer,LaMar Yoder.

FIRST ROW: Dorwin Nofziger, David Avina, Marnetta Rychener, Jimmy Meyers, Reuben Aschliman, Marlin Rupp, Merlyn Bender, Connie Nofziger, Arnold Short.

Third Grade

The thirty-nine boys and girls in the third grade were kept busy learning how to use water colors in art class. As a project for art class they each brought a paper sack from home which they made into Halloween masks and were shown to the first and second grades.

The refreshments for the Valentine party were made by the boys and girls during school. The boys made snow pudding and the girls made cookies in the shape of valentines.

A high light of the year was the boys' first basketball game at noon against the fourth grade boys.

At the side is a picture of Benny Avina playing ball.

BACK ROW: Joann Schultz, Charles Davis, Earlene Miller, Jimmy Ray, Marilyn Britsch, Carolyn Westhoven, Alice Goertz, Janice Short, Janette Rupp, Luann Gearig.

THIRD ROW: Terry Thierry, Brenda Short, Sue Ann Blosser, Nathan Bryan, Linda Frey, Mabelann Schrock, Leon Short, David Nofziger, Ronnie Grieser.

SECOND ROW: Jerry Taylor, Shirley Disbrow, Jennifer Detter, Lynnette Rupp, Jimmy Nafziger, Donnie King, Carolyn Blosser, Stephen Aschliman, Larry Peters, Margaret Short.

FIRST ROW: Larry Leupp, Leslie Leupp, Jimmy Huber, Linda Grieser, Nancy Bender, Lowell Nafziger, Wendell Beck, Jerry Rupp, Beverly Short.

BACK ROW: Paul Frey, Glenferd Grieser, Ruth Ann Nafziger, Carol Riegsecker, Lynn Rupp, Jimmy Sauder, Junior Gearig, Miriam Baer, Ralph Nafziger.

SECOND ROW: Miss Buckmaster, Donald Kauffman, Lydia Castruita, Jerry Avina, Max Weber, Terry Nofziger, Rebecca Nofziger, Sally Short, Clarence King, Efrain Estrada.

FIRST ROW: Carlos Grieser, Peggy Nafziger, Roger Grieser, Janice Kauffman, Marlin Klopfenstein, Lester Friesen, Arthur Ray, Roslyn Short.

The second grade enjoyed m a n y parties and treats of ice cream and candy which were brought b y t h e children who had birthdays during the year.

They participated in the Christmas operetta, "Ready f o r Christmas," in which Lynn Rupp, Jimmy Sauder and Ralph Nafziger were elves. The rest of the boys and girls were dolls and children.

Valentine day was celebrated by the exchange of valentines between students. Much food was also enjoyed.

The picnic at the end of the year was also an enjoyable time for every student.

On the side picture are Adolph Avina, Mary Avina, Edward Miller, and Jimmie Keller enjoying themselves by playing on the merry-go-round.

Second Grade

First Grade

Halloween and Christmas offered occasion for parties for the first grade. They exchanged gifts at their Christmas party. The class also had a party for Valentine's day. They decorated sacks in which to put their valentines. For refreshments they had cookies and ice cream bars.

The first graders took part in the Christmas operetta, "Ready for Christmas." John Schrock played the part of an elf, and LaMar Holsopple was a little boy. Others in the class were c l o w n s, dolls, toy soldiers, and singers.

At the left is a snapshot of Dianne Blosser and Tommy Bingman.

BACK ROW: Dallas Rychener, Dean Bryan, Lamar Hull, Carl Ayers, Max Rufenacht, Jackie Weber, Steven Pace, Ernest Disbrow, Sharon Taylor.

THIRD ROW: John Schrock, Jerry Thrasher, Jeanann Rupp, Barbara Roth, Susan King, Mary Helen Liechty,Stanley Nafziger,Leslie Leininger,Leonel Castriuta, Glora Wagler, Gene Frey.

SECOND ROW: Jeannie Nafziger,Marlin Nofziger,Carol Nafziger, LaMar Holsopple, Richard Nafziger,Phillip Kauffman,Ronald Reynolds,Allen Richer,Duane Short.

FIRST ROW: Mary Ellen Bender, Verlyn Nofziger, Glora Belle Rychener, Judy Leupp, Mary Ann Aschliman,Roger Price,Marcia Short,Anna Belle King,Robert Davis.

BACK ROW: LaNette Jo Beck, Mary Jane Rychener, George Liechty, Roger Bunke, Larry Rupp, Kathleen Gearig.

SECOND ROW: Ruth Liechty, Keith Nofziger, Carol Fritz, Esther Baer, J e r r y Nofziger, Richard Nafziger, Connie Hull.

FIRST ROW: Ellis Nafziger, Mary Lou Gasche, Wyman Stuckey, Richard Short, Sue Ann Frey, John Hartman.

The children shown on the seesaw are John Nofziger, Mary Keller, Martha Castillo, Virginia Avina, and Stephen Rice.

Sue Ann Ray, Thelma Nafziger, and Ronnie Rice are playing on the swing.

Kindergarden

BACK ROW: Joyce Nafziger, Barbara Raker, Dorothy Andre, Dean Schmucker, John Nofziger, Allen Leininger, Rosemary Augustine, Carolyn Taylor, Dean Miller Delbert King, Mary Keller, Maurice Murry.

FIRST ROW: Mike Rychener, Santos Rodriguez, Vicki Shaw, Charlene Rupp, Judy Bryan, Patty Nofziger, Richard Peters, Randall Beck, Augustin Estrada, Glenn King, Graciela Castruita.

The fourth, fifth, and sixth grades pause for a moment of prayer after the Pilgrims have made peace with the Indians in their Thanksgiving operetta.

Mr. and Mrs. Young and the wooden dummy, Clancy, entertained the student body at one of the year's assembly programs. This was one of the enjoyable events sponsored by Student Council.

A circus theme featured the 1953 junior-senior banquet. It included a merry-go-round in the center of the dining room and miniature hats and animals at the tables. Gene Weber was a clown.

Robert Yoder, Phyllis Schmucker, and Gene Miller are shown in a scene in the senior play, "The Great Big Doorstep.

Relaxing on the U. S. Capitol lawn are a group of senior boys, Mr. and Mrs. Pace, the chaperons, and the bus driver, who showed the seniors Washington D.C. Their class trip included a stopover at Baltimore for a visit to Fort McHenry and Annapolis Naval Academy.

The theme for the senior class night was a minstrel show which took place in Granny's Country Store in Coontown.

The reorganized track team was directed by coaches Pace and Ziss. The team won no meets but took some firsts. Howard Snyder won the high jump, 100-yard dash, and shot put. Glenden Rupp won in a broad jump of over 17 feet. Glenn Kauffman made the 440-yard dash in 62 seconds. The mile relay and 880 relay were also wins.

BACK ROW: Coach Ziss, Lowell Ayers, Glenn Kauffman, Gene Miller, Bill Gasche.

FIRST ROW: Junior Beck, Glenden Rupp, Paul Gilson, and Larry Grieser. Coach Pace and Howard Snyder are not on the picture.

The log cabin figured prominently i n this area as it did in other newly settled regions of America. Many pioneer children first saw the light of day in a log cabin--but it was probably a log cabin far less comfortable than its modern counterpart at the left, which benefited from the availability of modern building supplies.

Abe Lincoln was not the only splitter of rails in the middle western area. The rail fence was once a common sight around Pettisville. The supply of wood seemed unexhaustible and practically all the newly cleared fields were enclosed with fences of hand split rails. Like all man-made things these fences too have all but passed from the picture and a bit of searching is necessary now to find a surviving one.

The present school building replaced this two-story frame building which was built in 1871. It was the first school of any pretention in Pettisville. It stood slightly to the left and north of the present building. Its last two teachers were Miss Cora Beuchat and Miss Flora Dimke, both of whom taught later in the present building.

The first two schools were small one-roomed buildings. One was located approximately a t the site of Mr. V. R. Sunday's garage; the other stood about on the site of the Charles Gaiman home.

The present building which replaced the 1871 building was built in 1929 and enlarged by the addition of a wing in 1950-51.

Activities

STANDING: Jueldine Nofziger, Virginia Grieser, Elaine Rychener, Phyllis Schmucker, Janet Grieser, Miss Velma Frey, Carolyn Rufenacht, Marilyn Wyse, Arlene Schultz, Doris Rufenacht, Jane Guerrero, Louise Schultz, Janice Nofziger, Mary Grieser, Mary Ellen Short.
SITTING: Berneda Grieser, Shirley Grieser, Lovina Grieser, Janice Leupp, Joan Leupp, Phyllis Miller, Mary Alice King.

The Future Homemakers of America was organized in the fall. Miss Frey was the adviser. Joan Leupp was president, Arlene Schultz, vice-president; Janice Leupp, secretary; Mary Alice King, treasurer. The club held a meeting once a month. Some of the projects were etching glass, and preparing for a bake sale and a Stanley party. They also gave a party for the FFA boys.

On the preceding page, taking a bit of recreation from annual duties, are Jueldine Nofziger, Lariat editor; Marilyn Nofziger, associate editor; Gene Miller, business manager; and Marlin Beck, photographer. The Lariat again was advised by Miss Ruth K. Wyse.

Future Homemakers of America

BACK ROW: Harlan Gearig, Howard Snyder, James Rupp, Junior Grieser, John Merillat, Glenn Kauffman, James Gasche, L. J. Burkholder, James Beck.

SECOND ROW: Mr. Clark, Roger Schmitz, Glenn Wyse, Merrill Nofziger, Waldo Aeschliman, Gene Miller, Harold Schultz, Bernard Mock, Delmer Tanner.

FIRST ROW: Myron Phillips, Charles Rupp, Carl Frey,Paul Wyse, William Beck, Eugene Richer, Gene Weber, Roger Roth,Leon Waidelich.

This year there was a record of fifty-one members in the FFA. Gene Miller was president; Waldo Aeschliman, vice-president; Eugene Richer, secretary; James Beck, treasurer;Paul Wyse, reporter.

The biggest improvement shown over last year was in the dairy enterprise. The club bought four purebred calves and started a heifer chain. Seven boys are also junior members of Central Ohio Breeders Association.

At the second annual parent and son banquet, which was held in December, Dale Beck was awarded an honorary FFA membership pin for his work in conservation in the community.

The Chapter again won a gold rating in the state contest based on all activities for the year. In Parlimentary Procedure they won a bronze rating.

Mr. James Clark served again as adviser and teacher of the group.

BACK ROW: Paul Gilson, Lawrence Kruse, Ray Schrock, Charles Schmucker, Glenden Rupp, William Gasche, Burdell Nofziger, James Reynolds.

SECOND ROW: Mr. Clark, Larry Grieser, Robert Robinson, Dean Nofziger, Ronnie Nofziger, John Gasche.

FIRST ROW: Larry Rychener, Roger Zimmerman, Neil Weber, Leon Nafziger, Lyle Friesen.

STANDING: Delight Grieser, Mrs. Mark Ray,Marilyn Miller, Jueldine Nofziger, Lavonne Gisel, Laura Jane Gearig.

SITTING: Arlene Schultz, Jane Guerrero,Claudette Rupp.

Office Workers

Mrs. Mark Ray succeeded Mrs. S.M. Gottschalk as school secretary in 1952. She supervised typing 2 students who must act as office workers or secretaries to teachers to receive credit. This practice is required of these students so they have some of the responsibility of a secretary before going into an office position. Some of the tasks which they perform are answering telephone,writing letters, typing tests,recording attendance, cleaning the office, and getting the cafeteria and attendance rolls.

Marilouise Miller and Phyllis Schmucker acted as Principal Mark Ray's secretaries during the year. Phyllis and Marilouise also kept the record for absences and typed letters for Mr. Ray.

Doris Rufenacht was kept busy typing tests for Mr. Harold Ziss and working in the office at noon.

Carol Vonier was Miss Ruth K. Wyse's secretary. She did typing for her.

Robert Yoder was probably kept the busiest of all the secretaries. He acted as Mr. James Clark's secretary. Robert typed the letters and minutes for the FFA and kept an efficient file of all the agriculture films.

STANDING: Marilouise Miller, Carol Vonier, Mr. Harold Ziss, Mr. James Clark.

SITTING: Mr. Mark Ray, Miss Ruth K. Wyse, Doris Rufenacht, Robert Yoder, Phyllis Schmucker.

Secretaries

Bookmenders

The bookmenders this year were Shirley Wanner, Janice Nofziger, Mary Ellen Short, and Carol Vonier who was also head librarian. Their job was to check the condition of the books and make necessary repairs and rebinding. The arrival of Delta books necessitated considerable checking to make sure all new books were received and all the old books were returned.

The school library occupies one wall of the study hall. During the year the library underwent a house cleaning. Some of the oldest books were discarded, some mended, and a number of new books were added. The library was rearranged and the librarian's table was moved from the front of study hall to the back. A new magazine rack was installed and the reading table was also moved to the back of the study hall.

STANDING: Jueldine Nofziger, Norma Nofziger, Myron Phillips, Mabel Ann Rupp, Loretta Rupp, Donnabelle Riegsecker, Marilouise Miller, Shari Weber, Joan Leupp.

SEATED: Eunice Frey, Carolyn Rufenacht, Carol Vonier, Nancy Porter, Kathryn Krieger, Judy Weber.

Librarians

Pet Echoes Staff

Pet Echoes remains the voice of the school. This weekly paper, again advised by Miss Ruth K. Wyse, was edited in 1952-53 by Elaine Rychener.

For the eighth time the paper was rated superior in the Northwestern Ohio Journalism Association contest.

Pet Echoes staff took active part in the rally for the mock presidential election. Although the staff supported Ike, they did allow supporters of Stevenson to be pictured with them at the rally, as is shown in the lower left picture.

BACK ROW: Delight Grieser, Phyllis Schmucker, Judy Weber, Nancy Porter, Miss Wyse, Junior Beck.

FIRST ROW: Claudette Rupp, Ca r o l Vonier, Mabel Ann Rupp, Elaine Rychener, Iris Harvey.

A mock election was held in school one day previous to the election on November fourth. Those in charge of the election are in the picture at the bottom: Margaret Rupp, Rachel Frey, Eunice Frey, Esther Sturpe, Marilouise Miller, and Jueldine Nofziger. Mrs. Ray and Marlin Beck are voting. Federal, state, and county officers were voted for.

The Student Council was responsible for several of the programs given during the year. In February they sponsored a quartet rally in which school and church quartets participated. They also presented several lyceum numbers for the student body. The Student Council was in charge of keeping the bulletin boards up to date with literature received by teachers.

The upper six grades also took part in a magazine contest which was in charge of the Student Council. The proceeds went to the athletic fund.

LEFT: Betty Moll, Lowell Gilson, Ronald Frey, Junior Beck, Delmer Tanner.
RIGHT: Judy Weber, Loretta Rupp, Charles Sauder, Virgil Miller.

Student Council

BACK ROW: Shari Weber, vice-president; Merrill Nofziger; Paul Wyse.
SECOND ROW: Elaine Rychener; Norma Nofziger, secretary-treasurer.
FIRST ROW: Supt. David E. Springer, adviser; Marilyn Nofziger, president.

The members of the Student Council were in charge of the newly purchased athletic equipment. This equipment was purchased by the Board of Education. Baseball, ping pong, tennis, and volleyball equipment was kept in the athletic supply room. Each noon two members of the Student Council were in charge of checking this equipment out and putting it away when it was returned.

The bus drivers for this year were Vincent Rupp, William Gasche, James Pace, Dwight Porter, Melvin Britsch, Olen Genter, and Henry Keller. Not on the picture are Roger Fritsch, driver of the Tedrow bus, and Mrs. Olen Genter, who usually drives the kindergarten bus at noon. These dependable drivers are on duty twice daily, taking students to and from school.

Bus Drivers

The new addition of t h e school building was again kept clean by Mr. Dwight Porter. He cleans the cafeteria after lunch carries out all the rubbish, and burns it. The camera caught him in the act. He keeps the music rooms clean.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lantz are shown in the yard of their home. During the school day Mr. Lantz keeps the old part of the building clean and operates the furnaces. After school Mrs. Lantz helps him with the cleaning.

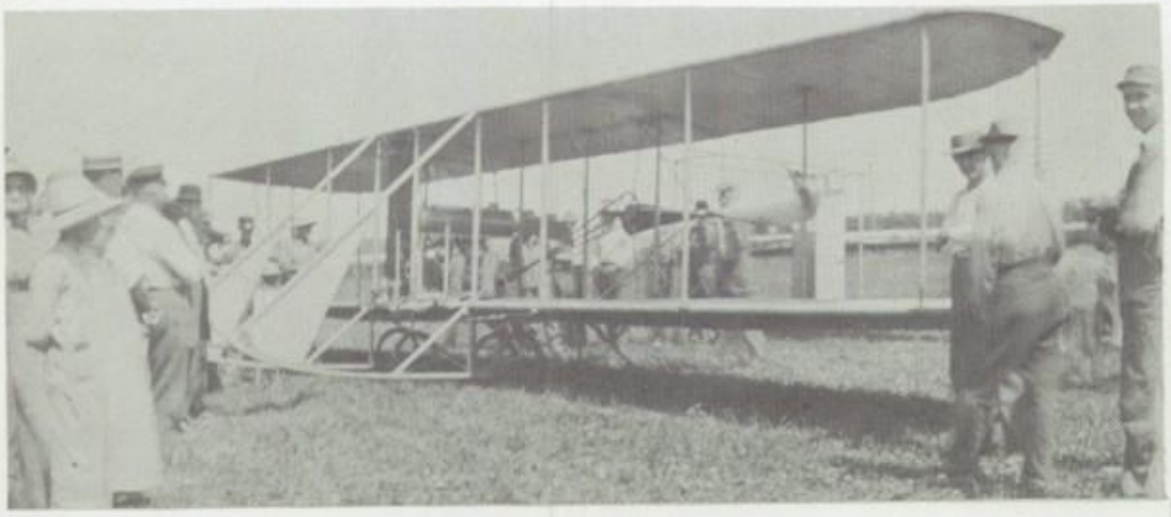
Custodians

Cafeteria

Miss Marie Drennan, manager, and Mrs. Estella Disbrow in the above picture are preparing a meal to be served in the cafeteria. They were responsible for tasty meals each school day. The meals were planned carefully to meet the state requirements and yet appeal to the students.

The group of girls who assisted in the noon serving are in the picture below. This group was composed mostly of seventh grade girls. Some of their duties were washing dishes, scraping trays, and assisting the smaller children to be served.

Marlene Rychener, Dorothy Beck, Mabel Ann Roth, Marilyn Nofziger, Marilyn Zimmerman, Carolyn Nafziger, Irene King, Mary Alice Sauder, Conchita Avina, Betty Moll, Phyllis Miller, Shirley Murry, Geneva Rufenacht, Virginia Grieser, Mona Mae Nofziger, Delores Nofziger, Janet Schmucker, Janet Rupp, Charlene K i n g, Rachel Nafziger.

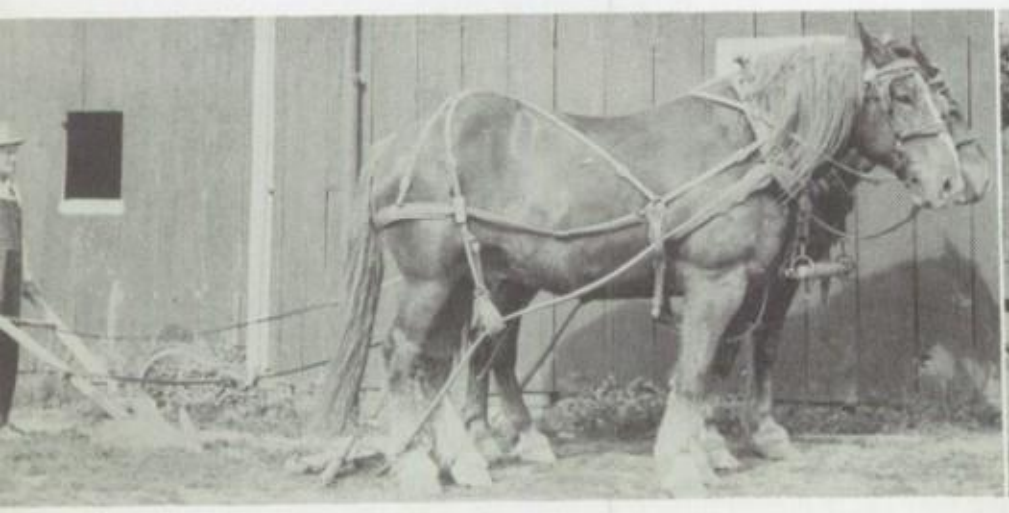


On this page some of the contrasts between the old and the new in this century of changes appear. In 1911 one of the most exciting days of Pettisville's history occurred when Harry Atwood, a pioneer airplane pilot, landed his plane in Charles Gaiman's pasture lot. His reason sounds familiar: he was running out of gas! Hundreds of people flocked here for their first sight of an airplane.

From this fragile single-seated constructi o n of canvas wings and light framework has evolved the great modern airplane, fifty years after the first air flight. This one was snapped at the Washington, D.C. airport by a senior during the class visit.

The horse as a work animal has almost disappeared from this area. The team pictured with their owner,Mr. Oliver Rupp, bear the names of Dick and Charlie. They are the only team remaining on a farm in this area. For many decades a horse-drawn walking plow was the only means of plowing. It was later replaced by a riding plow. However, in the 1920's the gasoline tractor became popular and in 1953 it has replaced the horse for all farm work.

The last word in sports cars in 1933 was the Ford roadster boasting a rumble seat, a very satisfactory arrangement for double dating. The car was owned by Roy Nofziger, P.H.S. class of '33, who took the picture. His future wife, Lucile Frey '33, sits in solitary splendor, while occupying the rumble seat are Ada Crossgrove '31 and her future husband, Orval Nafziger. The sleek Ford convertible presents to modern-day eyes a more artistic picture in its streamlined form. This one is owned by Richard Grieser '49.



Music

Band

Shari Weber, Joyce Grieser, John Gasche, Robert Robinson, Shirley Wanner, Edward Freeman, Louise Schultz, Bill Gasche, Paul Gilson, Carol Vonier, Janette Gearig, Ronnie Beck, Phyllis Schmucker, Suzann Beck, Lowell Schultz, Joe Rychener, Dianne Eicher, Arlene Schultz, Claudette Rupp, Lois Gasche, Gregory Rupp, Betty Moll,Delight Grieser, Shirley Murry,Myron Phillips, Roger Krieger, Charles Schmucker, Vincent Rupp Jr., Lawrence Kruse, Janet Schmucker, Lowell Gilson, Lowell Ayers, Lovina Grieser, Barbara Nofziger, Laura Jane Gearig, Jim Rupp, Kathryn Krieger.

The band made their first public appearance of the year at an exchange concert at Chesterfield, April 28. They played in the spring concert, May 1. The group marched in the Memorial Day parade and played for the program. They furnished the music at the commencement exercises. This group did not enter the district music contest at Bryan this year. However, they have made a great improvement over last year.

Shari Weber, Carol Vonier, and Lowell Ayers were selected to play in the County Music Festival band.

A number of new members joined the band this year.

Twirlers

On the preceding page are Janet Schmucker, twirler; Kathryn Krieger, drum-major; Lovina Grieser and Barbara Nofziger, twirlers. Kathryn has several medals for her superior twirling and has served as drum-major for the past three years.

Choir

The choir received a superior rating at the district competition this year. In receiving this rating it won the opportunity to compete in the state contest. At state, the group received a good rating. The choir also appeared in the spring concert, May 1.

Choir

BACK ROW: Carl Frey, Ray Schrock, Merrill Nofziger, Gene Miller, Donald Beck, Robert Yoder, Lowell Ayers, Glenn Kauffman, Marlin Beck,Kenneth Miller, Larry Rychener, Myron Phillips, Charles Yoder, Dean Nofziger, Ronnie Nofziger.

THIRD ROW: Neil Weber, Eugene Richer, Dale Miller, Robert Robinson, Paul Gilson, James Beck, John Merillat, David Sauder, Lawrence Kruse, Glenden Rupp, Paul Wyse, Garold Beck, Charles Sauder, Director Herbert Bell.

SECOND ROW: Janeth Nofziger, Mabel Ann Rupp, Phyllis Schmucker, Janet Grieser, Janette Gearig, Laura Jane Gearig, Margaret Rupp, Rachel Frey, Marilouise Miller, Arlene Schultz, Doris Rufenacht, Dianne Eicher, Iris Harvey,Judy Weber, Norma Nofziger, Nancy Porter, Jueldine Nofziger, Shirley Wanner.

FIRST ROW: Delight Grieser, Marilyn Nofziger, Kathryn Krieger, Elaine Rychener, Shari Weber, Loretta Rupp, Lavonne Gisel, Mary Louise Rufenacht, Mary Alice King, Irene King, Marilyn Miller, Carol Vonier., Claudette Rupp.

Eugene Richer, Kenneth Miller, David Sauder, Robert Yoder, Marilyn Nofziger, Margaret Rupp, Rachel Frey,and Marilouise Miller composed the junior-senior octet. They received a superior rating at the district and an excellent at the state contest.

Mixed Octets

Carl Frey, Glenn Kauffman, J o h n Merillat, Junior Beck, Mabel Ann Rupp, Janette Gearig, Judy Weber,and Mary Alice King are shown below. This octet won a superior rating in both contests.

BACK ROW: Glenn Wyse, Marlin Beck, Kenneth Miller, William Beck, James Gasche, Harlan Gearig, Glenn Kauffman, John Merillat, David Sauder, Robert Yoder.

THIRD ROW: Roger Schmitz,Carl Frey, Burdell Nofziger,James Beck, L.J. Burkholder, dual Grieser, Donald Beck, Denver Nofziger, Ray Schrock, Merrill Nofziger.

SECOND ROW: Paul Wyse, Dean Nofziger, Charles Yoder, John Gasche, Larry Rychener, Glenden Rupp, Garold Beck, Larry Grieser.

FIRST ROW: Roger Roth,Eugene Richer, Dale Miller;Ronnie Nofziger,Roger Zimmerman, Charles Sauder. Director: Mr. Herbert Bell.

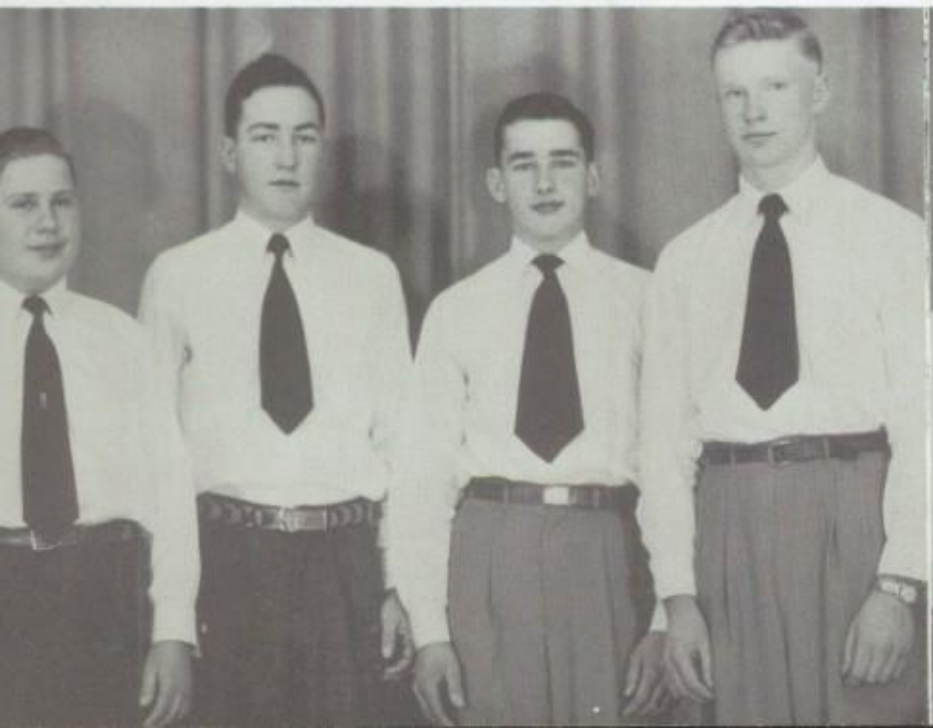
Boys Glee

The boys glee was the only local group to win a superior rating in the state competition.

Eugene Richer, Kenneth Miller, Merrill Nofziger, and David Sauder made up the quartet that received a superior rating in the district and excellent in the state contest. They sang a t several school and outside programs.

Boys Quartets

Charles Sauder, Garold Beck, Ronnie Nofziger, and Glenden Rupp composed the freshman quartet. They sang at a number of school programs.



Elaine Rychener, with Judy Weber accompanying her, entered the district contest at Toledo. She sang a vocal solo and received an excellent rating.

Shari Weber, accompanied by Elaine Rychener, received a superior rating at the state and district music contests with her cornet solo.

Girls Glee

The girls glee club did not enter the contest this year but the members enjoyed singing and received beneficial training. Representatives of this organization participated in the County Music Festival.

LAST ROW: Dorothy Beck, Marlene Rychener, Rachel Frey, Carolyn Rufenacht, Marilouise Miller, Louise Schultz, Doris Rufenacht, Iris Harvey, Norma Nofziger.

THIRD ROW: Janeth Nofziger, Margaret Rupp, Donnabelle Riegsecker, Mabel Ann Roth, Nancy Porter, Virginia Grieser, Judy Weber, Irene King, Jueldine Nofziger.

SECOND ROW: Mabel Ann Rupp, Elaine Rychener, Mary Louise Rufenacht,Janet Grieser, Berneda Grieser, Mary Grieser, Phyllis Miller, Marilyn Nofziger.

FRONT ROW: Pauline Grieser, Lovina Grieser, Marilyn Wyse, Mary Alice King, Helen Rufenacht, Shirley Grieser, Janice Nofziger, Mary Ellen Short. Director: Herbert Bell.

The pleasant scenes shown on this page are illustrative of the changes that 120 years of living have brought to the Pettisville area. Gone are the swamps; they have all been drained. The dense forests survive only in scattered woodlots. Beautiful modern farm homes have replaced the wigwams of the Indians and the log cabins of the early settlers. This area lacks the spectacular scenery of many other parts of the United States, but the picture that it presents of richly growing crops in well-tilled and well-kept farms, the vivid green of its spring, the bounty of its harvests, the glowing colors of its autumn are a real delight to the eye.

The student who looks south from the school building finds spread before him a panorama of slightly rolling fields, framed by the magnificent trees of the distant woods. Great maple trees surround the school. The 1953 Lariat editor, Jueldine Nofziger, calls the beautiful farmhouse in the lower picture home. It is one of the many attractive farm homes which dot this community, among the most prosperous in America.

Sports

LEFT TO RIGHT: Charles Rupp, Gene Miller, Charles Schmucker, Lowell Ayers, Coach James Pace, Howard Snyder, L. J. Burkholder, Paul Grieser.

The varsity basketball squad had a schedule of seventeen games, with a record of two wins and fifteen losses for the 1952-53 season. In addition to the regularly scheduled games, the team played in the holiday tournament at Metamora, competing with Fulton, Chesterfield, and Metamora.

Howard Snyder, who had the best all-around record for the year, was chosen a member of the honorary all-county team and was given an award by the Toledo Blade. Howard was named the most valuable player by the members of the team.

Gene Miller won the foul-shooting medal. He, along with Paul Grieser, both seniors, were co-captains for the year. Lowell Ayers was the other senior member of the team. The rest of the boys will be back to form the nucleus of next year's squad.

Lowell Ayers was named the most improved member of the team.

On the preceding page, basketball players, Charles Rupp, Howard Snyder, Gene Miller, Lowell Ayers,Paul Grieser, Charles Schmucker, L. J. Burkholder, and Coach James Pace, are shown ready to leave for a game.

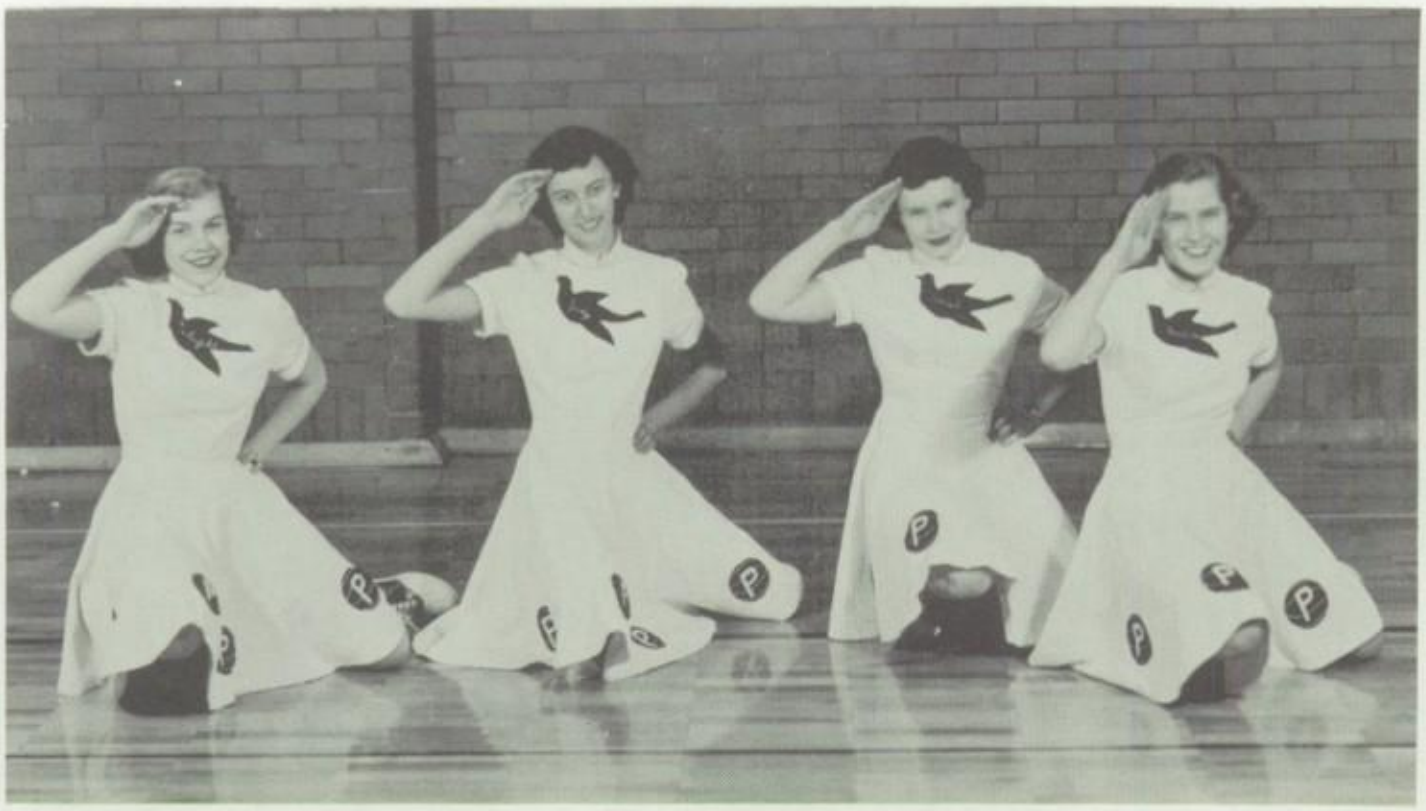
Varsity

Season's Record

Opponent	P.H.S.	They
Chesterfield	47	64
Fayette	32	52
Fulton	53	66
Metamora	47	53
*Lyons	46	89
Ridgeville	36	59
*Chesterfield'	55	72
Archbold	42	88
"Chesterfield	40	51
"Metamora	41	52
Ridgeville	52	63
Stryker	78	55
Lyons	55	77
*Metamora	57	65
*Fayette	52	77
Florida	74	56
*Fulton	55	68
Maumee Valley	59	66
*Archbold	32	49
#Archbold	31	57
#Fulton	53	54

*League games
"Holiday tournament
#County tournament

Basketball



Cheerleaders

Delight Grieser, Judy Weber, Carol Vonier, and Claudette Rupp were elected senior high cheerleaders. They faithfully led the cheers at the ball games, as well as at the pep meetings.

The girls made their cheerleaders' dresses of white corduroy, trimmed with black piping and a blackbird, with each girl's name outlined on her dress.

Reserve

The reserve basketball squad was comprised of freshmen and sophomores. These boys had a record of four wins and eleven losses. Although small in number, the team exceeded expectations in its playing ability.

Roger Krieger, John Gasche, Myron Phillips, James Gasche, Edward Freeman, Delmer Tanner, Roger Schmitz, James Rupp, manager.

BACK ROW: Roger Zimmerman, Bill Gasche, Larry Grieser, Garold Beck, Dale Davis, Bobby Burkholder, Glenden Rupp, Neil Weber, Lowell Schultz, Joe Rychener, Lowell Gilson.
FRONT ROW: Jimmy Miller, Gregory Rupp, Michael Andrews, Coach Harold Ziss, Robert Robinson, Lynwood Mininger, Paul Gilson, Ronnie Beck, Larry Grieser, David McBride, Jan Weber. Not in uniform, Vincent Rupp Jr., manager.

Junior High

The little Blackbirds had a highly successful season under the coaching of Mr. Harold Ziss. They won twelve games while losing only two, to Archbold and Ridgeville. The junior high team reached the semi-finals of the county tournament, but were beaten again by Archbold.

The county junior high tournament games were all played in the Pettisville gymnasium with the exception of t h e championship game.

In the picture below are the junior high cheerleaders: Dianne Eicher, Suzann Beck, and Kathryn Krieger.

Cheerleaders

Lettermen

BACK ROW: Roger Krieger, Junior Beck, Jim Rupp, Marlin Beck, Gene Miller, L. J. Burkholder, Charles Rupp, Coach James Pace.

FRONT ROW: Prin. Mark Ray, Neil Weber, Howard Snyder, Lowell Ayers, Charles Schmucker, Glenden Rupp, James Beck, Bill Gasche.

Twelve boys met the requirements needed to earn a letter during the year 1952-53, and to automatically become a member of the Lettermen.

To receive a letter in basketball, each boy must participate in half of all the quarters played. In baseball, half of the innings must be played.

Shari Weber served as president of the Boosters. Other officers included Loretta Rupp, vice-president; Dianne Eicher, secretary; and Phyllis Schmucker, treasurer.

This group sponsored the sale of candy, pop corn, and pop at the home basketball games. They also were responsible for the favors which were given to all basketball boys preceding games.

Prin. Mark Ray, Phyllis Schmucker, Loretta Rupp, Shari Weber, Shirley Wanner, Arlene Schultz, Joyce Grieser, Lois Gasche, Louise Schultz, Janette Gearig, Janet Schmucker.

Boosters

Baseball

Neil Weber, James Beck, Howard Snyder, Glenden Rupp, Bill Gasche, Charles Schmucker, Marlin Beck, L. J. Burkholder, Coach James Pace, Larry Grieser, Gene Miller, Paul Gilson, Myron Phillips, Robert Robinson, Junior Beck, John Merillat, John Gasche, Bernard Mock, Managers Jim Rupp and Roger Krieger.

The baseball team was made up of young boys. Next year's team should show much improvement because of the experience the boys have received.

Donald and Marlin Beck, L. J. Burkholder, and Howard Snyder were the pitchers for the team. Gene Miller was catcher during the spring season.

Marlin Beck received the most valuable player award. He also had the highest batting average.

The Blackbirds were eliminated from the county tournament in the spring by a defeat from Fulton.

Intramural Sports

The Student Council sponsored the intramural sports program for the year. They provided ping pong, volley ball, basketball, softball, and outdoor tennis equipment for interested students. These supplies were purchased by the Board of Education. The basketball teams competed as class groups. The team with the highest league standing received pins and the team which won the tournament game received a trophy.

The volley ball teams were composed of any interested individual students in the upper six grades. Ping pong and tennis were arranged on an individual basis.

These sports were to provide recreation for everyone, so an effort was made to appeal to the various student interests.

This team won the volley ball tournament: Rachel Frey, Lowell Ayers, Carl Frey, Dale Miller, Janet Grieser, and Myron Phillips.

Intramural Sports

Merrill Nofziger won the boys ping pong tournament. Shari Weber was winner o f the girls tournament.

The junior girls won all their noon basketball games and also all games played during the tournament. The sophomores showed the juniors a good tournament game but the juniors were victorious. The girls received pins and a trophy. Those on the team were Marlene Rychener, Rachel Frey, Donnabelle Riegsecker, Shirley Wanner, Norma Nofziger,Margaret Rupp, Iris Harvey, and Shari Weber.

The sophomores won a trophy for beating the freshmen in the intramural finals. Team members are Junior Beck, Glenn Kauffman, Howard Snyder, Carl Frey, Roger Schmitz, and Charles Rupp.

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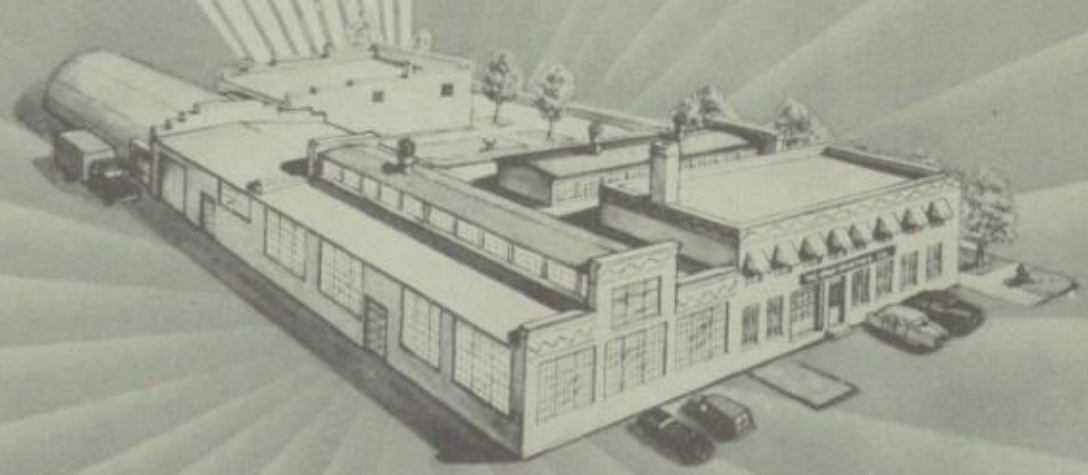

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